

FISCAL NOTE

Bill #: SB0119

Title: Vote on retaining tax revenue resulting from agricultural reclassification

Primary

Sponsor: Gerry Devlin

Status: As introduced

Sponsor signature	Date	Dave Lewis, Budget Director	Date
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Fiscal Summary

	<u>FY2000 Difference</u>	<u>FY2001 Difference</u>
Expenditures:		
General Fund	33,755	0
Funding:		
General Fund	33,755	0
Revenue:		
General Fund	0	0
Net Impact on General Fund Balance:	(\$33,755)	0

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>		<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	
	X	Significant Local Gov. Impact		X	Technical Concerns
	X	Included in the Executive Budget		X	Significant Long-Term Impacts

Fiscal Analysis

ASSUMPTIONS:

1. The companion bill, SB121, is passed by the legislature and submitted to a vote under CI-75 and passes.

Secretary of State

1. For purposes of CI-75 and submitting SB 119 to the electorate, this issue is only one of many likely to be submitted. Therefore, the impact presented in the fiscal note is only for the “extra” (marginal) cost which

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would be incurred by the state in preparing a Voter Information Packet (VIP) for the specific issue contained in the proposed bill. The VIP circulation is 525,000.

2. SB 119 will require at least six pages of explanation to be printed in the VIP at .00236 cents per page for a total cost of \$7,434. (6 x .00236 x 525,000)
3. Although counties also will incur a cost for distribution of the VIP, funding will be distributed to the counties by the Secretary of State for this purpose. County cost is .008356 per page for a total of cost of \$26,321. (6 x .008356 x 525,000)
4. Although the Secretary of State does not have a general fund budget, the cost of submitting these issues to the electorate will be supported with general fund.

FISCAL IMPACT:

	<u>FY2000 Difference</u>	<u>FY2001 Difference</u>
Secretary of State		
<u>Expenditures:</u>		
Operating Expenses	7,434	0
Transfers to Counties	<u>26,321</u>	0
TOTAL	\$33,755	
<u>Funding:</u>		
General Fund (01)	\$33,755	
<u>Revenues:</u>		
General Fund (01)	0	
<u>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Expenditure):</u>		
General Fund (01)	(\$33,755)	0

EFFECT ON COUNTY OR OTHER LOCAL REVENUES OR EXPENDITURES:

CI -75: For SB 119 the mailing costs of the VIP and the extra item on the ballot would be marginal costs. Assuming six pages for this issue at .008356 per page distributed to 525,000 addresses, counties would incur a cost of \$26,321 in FY 2000. See the third assumption of Secretary of State.

TECHNICAL NOTES:

This bill which provides for a vote of the electorate relates to SB121, which reclassifies land currently classified as agricultural land as non-qualified agricultural land. Fiscal impacts associated with SB121 appear on the fiscal note for that bill..

TECHNICAL NOTES in consideration of CI-75

1. The costs presented for the SB 119 ballot issue will be included in a comprehensive analysis of the planned electorate vote(s) prior to the end of the session, based on all ballot issues adopted by the 56th Legislative Assembly.

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1. When considering the comprehensive costs of an electorate vote, any costs greater than \$194,203 which are distributed to the counties must be funded by the Legislature (1-2-112, MCA).
2. For FY 2000, a statewide election would have a base cost of \$690,000 for the counties and \$46,987 for the state for total general fund of \$736,987. General fund will be appropriated in HB2 to the Secretary of State for this statewide base cost and all the cumulative per-ballot-issue marginal costs at the end of the session.